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## ANTHRACITE MINERS WANT EIGHT HOURS

AND ANTHRACITE OPERATORS  
DO NOT WANT FEDERAL  
INTERVENTION.

BOTH SIDES WANT  
PUBLIC'S GOOD WILL

The United States Steel Corporation  
Has Demonstrated Its Willing-  
ness to Sign Miners' Scale, and  
Will Prove Powerful Factor For  
Peace.

New York, April 4.—The anthracite miners' scale committee met Wednesday at the Ashland house to prepare plans for bringing about a settlement of the existing differences in the hard coal fields. While no members of the committee will discuss how this adjustment is to be effected, it is learned that certain demands, which the operators have already refused, will either be eliminated or so different that the operators will accept them without feeling that they have sacrificed their present position of not conceding anything.

John Mitchell would not talk about the outlook, and in fact had nothing to say bearing on the situation in the hard coal fields.

The anthracite scale committee is willing to concede almost anything for the sake of a settlement with the possible exception of the eight-hour day. Want Good Will of the Public.

The operators, while indicating that they will concede nothing, will not place themselves in the position of bringing on a strike when granting one demand might avert it. Each side is anxious to get the good will of the public. A strike in the hard coal fields, with a consequent industrial depression and social disorder, might bring about state and federal investigations which are not to be desired by corporate heads at this time, when the temper of the public mind is aflamed by insurance as well as other scandals. Whatever may be the outcome, it can be said that so far the personal relations of the conferences has been most pleasant.

Steel Corporation Willing.

Wheeling, W. Va., April 4.—The United States Steel corporation, through its subsidiary organizations, has demonstrated its willingness to sign the coal miners' scale. In this district the management of the American Sheet Steel and Tin Plate Co., operating a number of mines for its own use, has requested a conference with the scale committee, indicating its desire to adjust all differences and put the miners to work. This plan will, it is understood, be followed wherever the steel corporation mines are affected, and will prove a powerful factor for an early peace.

Block Operators Refuse.

Brazill, Ind., April 4.—At a meeting of the operators of the block coal field here, Wednesday morning, at which every producer of block coal was represented, it was unanimously agreed that they would not sign the 1906 scale.

Signings Agreement in Illinois.

Springfield, Ill., April 4.—Agreements that have been signed by mine owners all over the state are beginning to pour into the headquarters of the Illinois Mine Workers' association.

In the Southwestern Field.

Kansas City, Mo., April 4.—Negotiations are in progress with the various mining districts of the southwest that are expected to result in resumption of work by a large number of men within a few days. The officers of the mine workers of the district, including western Arkansas and Indian territory have received overtures from operators with a view to signing the scale.

The Ohio Miners.

Columbus, O., April 4.—The executive board of the Ohio mine workers' organization decided to permit the miners to sign contracts with any operators who are willing to pay the 1903 scale. The various sub-district organizations will prepare agreements based on the scale, adjusted to meet changes and conditions since that scale was drafted which will be presented to those operators who are willing to sign.

## TO HELP BURY PAUL JONES

French Cruisers, Under Command  
of a Rear Admiral, Will Be  
Present at Funeral.

Paris, April 4.—Foreign Minister Bourgeois has written to the American embassy giving the programme of the French government's participation in the burial of the body of Admiral Paul Jones at Annapolis, April 24, and furnishing a list of the distinguished naval personages assigned to take part in the ceremonies.

The French cruisers will arrive at Annapolis in division formation, April 20, under command of Rear Admiral Campion, who will be on board the flagship, *Marcelin*. The admiral's staff will consist of five officers, headed by Capt. Bataillon, chief of the staff.

## VOTING IN THREE BIG TOWNS

CHICAGO FOR MUNICIPAL OWN-  
ERSHIP OF STREET RAILWAYS.

Rich Young Man Carries Milwau-  
kee-Kansas City Republican On  
Municipal Ownership.

Chicago, April 4.—Municipal ownership of street railways was endorsed again at the polls Tuesday, and \$75,000,000 certificates voted to acquire the roads. The proposition for municipal operation was defeated. Those members of the city council who voted for \$1,000,000 license a few weeks ago were vindicated and sent back to the council with two exceptions.

In Milwaukee.

Milwaukee, Wis., April 4.—After a spectacular campaign on a platform of municipal ownership and anti-graft, Sherburn M. Becker, the rich young alderman who has had the politicians guessing for several months, defeated Mayor David S. Rose for the mayoralty by a plurality of 1,500 or more. Mayor Rose had been nominated and elected five straight times, and was expected to sweep the city again.

Beardsley Elected in Kansas City.

Kansas City, Mo., April 4.—On a platform endorsing the principles of municipal ownership, the republican ticket, headed by Henry M. Beardsley for mayor, was elected. Mr. Beardsley's plurality is about 1,200.

## THE HAGUE CONFERENCE

The Short Period of Time Will Make  
Necessary Rapid Diplomatic  
Work.

Washington, April 4.—The movement made by Russia for the reconvening of The Hague conference was wholly unexpected. It had been supposed that owing to the complexity of the problems involved in the arrangement of even a tentative programme for the conference, and the delays caused by the necessity of persuading the Swiss government to make the time and programme for the approaching Red Cross convention conform, as far as possible, to The Hague project, it would scarcely be possible for the conference to assemble earlier than a late date next fall. There were reasonable objections, however, to such a date, and it was intimated that it might be necessary to defer the convention until next year. The matter had been left in large part to the governments of Russia and The Netherlands to adjust, the first named because the proposal for the conference had originated with Emperor Nicholas, and the latter for the reason that the host should be consulted when it concerned a matter of date for the conference.

The fact that they have agreed makes it probable that the other signatory powers to the original Hague convention, which have adopted the invitation to attend the next conference will agree to the proposed date, although the short period of time available will make it necessary for some of the powers which have given little attention to the subject recently, to do some rapid diplomatic work, in order to arrange programmes according to their own desires. For it is certain that the proposed Russian programme as conveyed to the state department by Baron Rosen will, while not meeting positive objections, at least call forth some projects differing materially in scope and detail from the Russian plan. A casual reading of the proposal discloses nothing that is calculated to arouse opposition on the part of the United States government.

## DR. DOWIE STRIKES BACK

He Has Stripped the Malcontents of  
Zion City of All Their Of-  
fices and Powers.

Ocotlan, Mexico, April 4.—The following statement was made by John Alexander Dowie for the press: "John Alexander Dowie, first apostle of the Christian Catholic Apostolic church in Zion, has treated with contempt the powerless allegations of his opposition by six of his over-seers, headed by Voliva."

Dowie admits having taken the following action:

First—He has officially dismissed Overseers Voliva, Piper, Bissell, Brausefeld, Cantel, Speicher.

Second—He has cancelled Voliva's power of attorney.

Third—He has dismissed Granger from the office of general financial manager.

Fourth—He has appointed Deacon Fielding Wilhite as Granger's successor and has given him power of attorney.

Fifth—He has taken the necessary legal steps to protect his estate and the vast interests of Zion.

Sixth—Deacon James F. Peters, general manager of Zion railroad affairs, is arranging transportation for the immediate return of the first apostle and party to Zion City.

Meanwhile he asks friends throughout the world not to be anxious concerning Zion or himself.

Patience, however.

Columbus, O., March 24.—Gov. Paul Jones continues to improve.

## ANOTHER FEATHER IN UNCLE'S HAT.



## NATIONAL BANKER KILLED BY ASSASSIN

SHOT TO DEATH AS HE STOOD  
ON THE PORCH AT HOME  
IN THE NIGHT.

## MISSISSIPPI CONVICTS FIGHT TO CHECK FIRE

None Try to Escape, But Turn In  
to Save Property—Excursion  
Train With Redmen Wrecked at  
Richmond, Ind., and Several Are  
Injured.

South McAlester, I. T., April 4.—J. Burnett, president of the National Bank of Eufaula, was killed by a shot fired while he was standing on the back porch of his home Tuesday night. His body was not found till Wednesday morning. He had often expressed fear of assassination by a bitter personal enemy.

Mississippi Convicts Fight Fire.

Jackson, Miss., April 4.—Buildings occupied by state convicts on a farm in Rankin county, eight miles from Jackson, were destroyed by fire early Wednesday morning. The prison was occupied by 150 white convicts. No one escaped, but all fought valiantly to check the flames. Fifty head of stock, a large amount of provisions and farming implements were destroyed. The total loss is \$80,000.

Pullmans Roll Down Bank.

Ft. Smith, Ark., April 4.—Two Pullman cars jumped the track on the Frisco fast train, northbound, at Folsom, I. T., at night, and rolled down a 12-foot embankment. J. W. Keating, of Chicago; H. R. Brinker, of Louisville, and J. A. Hartgraves were thrown through car windows and into a deep mudhole a short distance from the track. They escaped with slight sprains. Mrs. Thompson and daughter, of Petersburg, Ill., were injured by rolling about in the car.

Wreck on Norfolk & Western.

Norfolk, Va., April 4.—A serious wreck is reported on the Norfolk & Western railroad, 15 miles from Norfolk. The "Cannon Ball," a fast express, ran into an open switch at Junction siding. Seven doctors and a wrecker crew have been hurried from Norfolk. It is not yet known whether anyone was killed or the extent of injuries sustained. It is reported the train was consumed by fire.

Red Men's Train Wrecked.

Richmond, Ind., March 4.—By a cave-in of the Chicago, Cincinnati & Louisville railroad track, on Main street, a special train bearing 115 Red Men from the district meeting of the order at Rushville was precipitated down an embankment at 3 a. m. Wednesday. Several were hurt.

## DEATH OF KING'S DAUGHTER

Princess Louise of Schaumburg-  
Lippe Dies Half an Hour After  
Her Father-in-Law.

London, April 4.—A dispatch from Copenhagen says Princess Louise of Schaumburg-Lippe, daughter of King Frederick of Denmark, died Wednesday morning, half an hour after her father-in-law, Prince William of Schaumburg-Lippe, expired. Both were staying at the Castle Neuchâtel, Schaan.

## PAUL NOCQUET IS MISSING

HIS BALLOON FOUND ON EDGE  
OF THE OCEAN.

Footprints in the Sand Along Long  
Island Beach Cause Friends  
to Hope.

New York, April 4.—After a sensational journey of 50 miles through the clouds and a descent to the edge of the ocean at Jones' beach, on the south shore of Long Island, Paul Nocquet, the noted French sculptor and daring sportsman, has disappeared. Searching parties have worked tirelessly, but no trace of him has been found.

His balloon was found by life savers late Thursday night on the rim of the beach just out of reach of the breakers. Dawn revealed footprints leading eastward along the beach. There is a desert stretch of sand reaching for 15 miles in the direction the footprints pointed, and the friends of the sculptor hope that he has only lost himself in his wandering, though at first the fear was engendered that he had dropped out of his flying car into the sea.

[Nocquet used a small balloon of 21,000 cubic feet capacity, which was sent to him by a friend, a distinguished Italian balloonist named Gappaz. Tuesday his friends gathered to see him start. Nocquet said he hoped the wind would carry him in the direction of Philadelphia, and he said he thought he would reach Trenton certainly. Instead, the balloon drifted across the sound and passed over a dozen nearby Long Island villages before darkness concealed it from view.]

A tug will be sent out by members of the Aero club to search the bay for Nocquet.

ST. PETERSBURG ELECTIONS

Social Democrats Look Forward to  
Working Majority in Na-  
tional Parliament.

St. Petersburg, April 4.—The official canvass of the votes cast at the election on Monday, owing to the unexpected heavy vote and the inexperience of the officials, had not been completed at midnight, but it is conceded that the radical tide has swept to victory everywhere. The constitutional democrats naturally are jubilant as the sweeping triumph which they have won at the capital, the headquarters of the bureaucracy, is bound to have a strong effect on the country at large, and are now looking forward to a working majority in the national parliament. They already have nominated a candidate for the presidency of the lower house in the person of M. Petrunkevitch, of Tver, who is regarded as one of the most able and vigorous advocates of a constitutional government for the empire.

The Russkoe Gosudarstvo, Premier Witte's newspaper organ, which admits the victory of the constitutional democrats, attributes it to the vacillation of the conservative faction and the interpenetration of its organs. The paper also declares that Count Witte will hold on to the premiership until the convocation of the parliament, and that his resignation then will depend on the attitude of Emperor Nicholas.

Live in Top Stories.

Hazleton, Ind., April 4.—The White River is very high. Many people in the lowlands are living in the second stories of their dwellings, and work have been refused on any of lower stories.

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